

S i m o n e  
S i m o n e

This is a tutorial to convert color images into B&W images with photoshop.  
This is one example before <http://www.deviantart.com/view/26285539/> and after <http://www.deviantart.com/view/24752670/>

## **STEP 1 – CHANNEL MIX**

To convert the image in B&W you must use channel mix (image>adjustments>channel mix), choose monochrome settings.

Now you can change single colors (RGB), but the sum of red, green and blue channels must be 100!!

Original image





After step 1



## STEP 2 – BURN AND DODGE

Now you can use the tools burn and dodge to increase the contrast.

You would have to use burn  after set shadows in range menu, exposure between 5 and 15 %, for dodge  use highlights (in range menu), the exposure is the same as burn. Never use midtones.

You must use this tools like the paintbrush, burn in the dark area and dodge in the lighting area.

Burn and Dodge tools



After step 2



## **STEP 3 – UNSHARP MASK**

Open unsharp mask menu (filter> Sharpen> Unsharp mask)

Setting: Amount 45%, radius 55% threshold (low, between 0 and 5), you can change this values for good results!

After step 3 (Final image)



Enjoy it!

Please visit my website <http://simone83.altervista.org/> and my gallery <http://www.simone83.deviantart.com/>